



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

As submitted to the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veteran Affairs and Related Agencies on March 26, 2010:

### **Veterans Affairs**

**Project Name:** Pittsburgh Case-Managed Development Pilot Project  
**Request:** \$1,000,000  
**Project Location:** Pittsburgh Regional Office  
**Project Description:** The additional funds provided to the Case-Managed Development Pilot Project at the Pittsburgh VA Regional Office, initiated by VA Secretary Eric Shinseki in January 2010, would cover costs associated with expanding the pilot program beyond the initial allocations. The purpose of the pilot is to identify opportunities to reduce the time required to request and receive evidence. Efforts such as this, which leverage the expertise of veterans' service organizations, will help to decrease significantly the claims backlog by streamlining each claims submission, and so improving the care and benefits given to our veterans.

### **Military Construction**

**Project Name:** Technical Training and Aircraft Maintenance Facility  
**Request:** \$25,000,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Army National Guard  
**Project Number:** 420051  
**Service Component:** Army National Guard  
**Project Location:** Eastern ARNG Aviation Training Site (EAATS), Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania  
**Project Description:** This project would construct a permanent structure to execute aviation related training as directed by the National Guard Bureau for enlisted aircraft maintenance qualifications and for maintaining airframes (UH-1, UH-60, CH-47, C-23 and LUH aircraft) in support of Aviator Qualification Training for all 54 States and Territories. There is currently a shortage of 447,760 gross square feet of total required space, which restricts training and utilization. With the new facility, EAATS would be able to meet current and forecasted NGB requirements for aviation training.

**Project Name:** Security Improvements  
**Request:** \$5,710,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Navy  
**Project Number:** P575  
**Service Component:** Navy  
**Project Location:** Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania  
**Project Description:** Current security infrastructure is considered inadequate by the Navy.

**Project Name:** Hermitage Readiness Center  
**Request:** \$10,200,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Army National Guard  
**Project Number:** 420173  
**Service Component:** Army National Guard  
**Project Location:** Hermitage, PA  
**Project Description:** I urge the subcommittee to provide \$10.2 million for the construction of a 37,400 square foot, environmentally and energy efficient facility to support 128 soldiers in Battery A, 1-107<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. Soldiers are currently housed in a substandard, undersized building.

**Project Name:** Tobyhanna Armed Forces Reserve Center  
**Request:** \$1,640,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Army National Guard  
**Project Number:** 420370  
**Service Component:** Army National Guard  
**Project Location:** Tobyhanna Army Depot, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania  
**Project Description:** The requested funds will be used to design a 56,717 square-foot energy efficient facility for 270 United States Army Reserve and Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldiers. The Joint Reserve Forces Reserve Component Facilities Board determined that this facility would be a prime candidate for joint use between the USAR and PAANG. The facility this would replace lacks adequate space for training, administration, kitchen and supply areas, does not meet current codes, and frequently floods.

**Project Name:** 628<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion Readiness Center  
**Request:** \$2,900,000  
**Account:** Military Construction, Army National Guard  
**Project Number:** 420393  
**Service Component:** Army National Guard  
**Project Location:** Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania  
**Project Description:** The requested funds will be used to design a 121,325 square-foot, energy-efficient facility to support 722 soldiers currently housed in several wooden, WWII-era buildings.